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Compare and Contrast

American Gothic

The American gothic has many different meanings behind the images. There are many different artists that have their own views and opinions on the American gothic piece of art. There are two famous people that will share their thoughts and what there pieces are about. Mr. Grant Woods and Mr. Gordon Parks.

These two different American gothic pictures are different in many ways. Grant woods 1930 painting of American gothic is a colored painting of a young girl and a farmer holding a pitchfork in front of a white house. Many were to think that it was a portrait of him and his wife. Gordon Parks 1943 portrait is a black and white picture taken of a woman holding a mob and broom in front of an American flag.

The meaning behind the portraits is very different. Grant woods painting is a farmer holding a pitchfork in front of a white house is a symbol of the 20th century traditional role of a man doing hard labor work. Gordon Parks photograph is a picture of a woman who mopped floors and explains her life full of misery, bigotry and despair. She symbolized the pre-civil rights era treatment of minorities, how they could not use the same

You have to look at things in different ways. Even though things may seem to be the same they are different in many ways. You just read about two different artists and how even though there portraits and paintings were named the same they were and are different in many ways.